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Geneva, 4–15 May 2015
Item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda*
Organizational matters: organization of work

Annotations to the provisional agenda

Item 1

Opening of the meeting

1. The seventh ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants will be held at the Geneva International Conference Centre, 17 rue de Varembé, Geneva, from 4 to 15 May 2015, back-to-back with the twelfth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal and the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade. The meetings will feature joint sessions on joint issues. The meetings will be opened at 10 a.m. on Monday, 4 May 2015, by the three presidents of the conferences of the parties.

2. Opening and welcoming statements will be delivered.

Item 2

Adoption of the agenda

3. Subject to the rules of procedure, the Conference of the Parties may wish to adopt its agenda, amended as appropriate, on the basis of the provisional agenda set forth in document UNEP/POPS/COP.7/1.

Item 3

Organizational matters

(a) Election of officers

4. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on the election of officers (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/2). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided and consider the possible action proposed therein.

5. Under rule 22 of the rules of procedure, at each ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, a President and nine Vice-Presidents, one of whom will act as Rapporteur, will be elected from among the representatives of the parties present at the meeting to serve as the Bureau of the Conference of the Parties. They will commence their terms of office at the closure of the meeting at

* UNEP/POPS/COP.7/1.

which they are elected and serve until the closure of the next ordinary meeting of the Conference of the Parties, including for any intervening extraordinary meeting.

6. The Conference of the Parties may therefore wish to encourage the United Nations regional groups to meet during the course of the meeting to elect officers to serve on the Bureau from the end of the seventh meeting until the end of the eighth meeting and to inform the Conference of the Parties of the results of such elections.

(b) Organization of work

7. The Conference of the Parties has before it a scenario note for the meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/1-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/1-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/1)[1] and a tentative schedule of work (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/2-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/2-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/2), prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the presidents and the bureaux of the conferences of the parties.

8. The Conference of the Parties may wish to decide to meet from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., subject to adjustments as necessary.

9. The Conference of the Parties may wish to establish contact groups and other groups, as deemed necessary, and to specify their mandates.

(c) Report on the credentials of representatives to the seventh meeting of the Conference of the Parties

10. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on the status of ratification of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/44-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/30-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/50). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided therein.

11. Rule 19 of the rules of procedure provides that the credentials of representatives and the names of alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to the Secretariat if possible no later than 24 hours after the opening of the meeting. Any later change in the composition of a delegation must also be submitted to the Secretariat. The credentials should be issued either by a head of State or Government or by the minister of foreign affairs or, in the case of a regional economic integration organization, by the competent authority of that organization. If a delegation submits credentials prior to the meeting by copy or by fax, it should submit the original upon registration. Please note that the submission of credentials before the meeting would greatly facilitate the advance clearing process by the Secretariat.

12. The bureaux of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, during their joint meeting held on 11 and 12 November 2014, agreed on the approach they will follow when preparing the reports on credentials for the meetings of the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in 2015. The bureaux agreed that when examining the credentials received, they would accept original credentials in good order and copies of credentials in good order, on the understanding that the original credentials would be submitted as soon as possible.

13. Representatives of parties may participate in the meeting pending a decision by the Conference of the Parties on their credentials.

14. The Bureau, with the assistance of the Secretariat, will examine the credentials of the representatives of the parties at the meeting and report thereon to the Conference of the Parties for its consideration.

Item 4

Rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties

15. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on the rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/3). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the note and consider the possible action proposed therein.

[1] Documents that have three document symbols, such as the scenario note, are joint documents that are submitted for consideration by the conferences of the parties to the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions.

Item 5

Matters related to the implementation of the Convention

16. The Conference of the Parties will consider several sub-items under this agenda item. The sub-items are listed below in the order in which they appear in the provisional agenda, which is not necessarily the order of priority for consideration by the Conference of the Parties.

(a) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from intentional production and use

(i) Exemptions

17. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on specific exemptions and acceptable purposes under the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/4), on a report on the expert consultation on the review of information on lindane and its alternatives in the treatment of scabies and head lice (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/4), and on a notification submitted by India including justification of the continued need for the production and use of DDT as a closed-system site-limited intermediate in the production of dicofol in India (see UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/3).

18. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/COP.7/4.

(ii) DDT

19. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on the evaluation of the continued need for DDT for disease vector control and promotion of alternatives to DDT (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/5) and on the DDT expert group and its report on the assessment of scientific, technical, environmental and economic information on the production and use of DDT and its alternatives for disease vector control (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/5).

20. The Conference of the Parties also has before it notes by the Secretariat on reports by UNEP on the road map for the development of alternatives to DDT (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/6) and on progress in the implementation of the Global Alliance for the Development and Deployment of Products, Methods and Strategies as Alternatives to DDT for Disease Vector Control (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/7), and a note by the Secretariat on information from the World Health Organization on the continued need for DDT for disease vector control (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/8).

21. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/COP.7/5.

(iii) Polychlorinated biphenyls

22. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on polychlorinated biphenyls (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/6). The Conference of the Parties also has before it notes by the Secretariat on a preliminary assessment of efforts made toward the elimination of polychlorinated biphenyls (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/9) and on a report by UNEP on progress in the implementation of the Polychlorinated Biphenyls Elimination Network (PEN), including the report of the fifth meeting of the PEN advisory committee (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/10).

23. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/COP.7/6.

(iv) Brominated diphenyl ethers and perfluorooctane sulfonic acid, its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride

24. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on the revised draft format for the submission of information for the evaluation and review of brominated diphenyl ethers pursuant to paragraph 2 of parts IV and V of Annex A to the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/7), on the evaluation of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), its salts and perfluorooctane sulfonyl fluoride (PFOSF) pursuant to paragraphs 5 and 6 of part III of Annex B to the Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/8), on the report prepared by the Secretariat for the evaluation of information on PFOS, its salts and PFOSF (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/11), and on a compilation of information submitted by parties on their experiences in implementing the recommendations set out in the annex to decision POPRC-6/2 on the elimination of brominated diphenyl ethers from the waste stream and on risk reduction for PFOS, its salts and PFOSF (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/12).

25. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the possible action proposed in documents UNEP/POPS/COP.7/7 and 8.

(v) Evaluation of the continued need for the procedure under paragraph 2 (b) of Article 3

26. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on the evaluation of the continued need for the procedure under paragraph 2 (b) of Article 3 (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/10). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the note and consider the possible action proposed therein.

(b) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from unintentional production

(i) Identification and quantification of releases

27. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on the Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Releases of Dioxins, Furans and Other Unintentional Persistent Organic Pollutants (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/12) and on the report of the expert meeting on best available techniques and best environmental practices and Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Releases of Dioxins, Furans and Other Unintentional Persistent Organic Pollutants under the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/19).

28. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/COP.7/12.

(ii) Best available techniques and best environmental practices

29. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on guidelines on best available techniques and provisional guidance on best environmental practices (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/14), on the updated joint Toolkit and best available techniques and best environmental practices expert roster (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/20), on the report of the expert meeting on best available techniques and best environmental practices and Toolkit for Identification and Quantification of Releases of Dioxins, Furans and Other Unintentional Persistent Organic Pollutants under the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/19), on the revised draft guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices for the use of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and related chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/21), and on the revised draft guidance on best available techniques and best environmental practices for the recycling and waste disposal of articles containing polybrominated diphenyl ethers listed under the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/22).

30. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/COP.7/14.

(c) Measures to reduce or eliminate releases from wastes

31. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on measures to reduce or eliminate releases from wastes (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/15). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the note and consider the possible action proposed therein.

(d) Implementation plans

32. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on implementation plans (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/16), on implementation plans transmitted to the Conference of the Parties (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/24), on guidance for developing a national implementation plan for the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/25), on revised draft guidance for the inventory of perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and related chemicals listed under the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/26), on revised draft guidance for the inventory of polybrominated diphenyl ethers listed under the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/27), and on a compilation of comments received from parties and others related to the guidance documents to develop, review and update national implementation plans (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/28). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/COP.7/16.

(e) Listing of chemicals in Annex A, B or C to the Convention

33. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat entitled "Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee: developments for action by the Conference of the Parties" (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/17) and notes by the secretariat on a recommendation by the Committee to list chlorinated naphthalenes in Annexes A and C to the Convention and draft text of the proposed amendment (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/18), on a recommendation by the Committee to list hexachlorobutadiene in Annexes A and C to the Convention and draft text of the proposed amendment (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/19), on a recommendation by the Committee to list pentachlorophenol and its salts and esters in Annex A to the Convention and draft text of the proposed amendment

(UNEP/POPS/COP.7/20), and on a compilation of comments received from parties relating to the listing of chemicals in Annexes A, B and/or C to the Stockholm Convention recommended by the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/30).

34. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the possible action proposed in documents UNEP/POPS/COP.7/17–20.

(f) Technical assistance

35. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on technical assistance and capacity-building for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (UNEP/CHW.12/13-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/13-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/13), on capacity-building and training activities organized by the Secretariat from May 2013 to December 2014 (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/22-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/14-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/17), on capacity-building and training activities planned by the Secretariat for 2015 (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/23-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/15-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/18), on a report on the technical assistance needs of developing country parties and parties with economies in transition for the implementation of the Stockholm Convention and the technical assistance available from developed country parties and others (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/15), on a compilation of submissions received by the Secretariat on experiences in implementing the guidance on technical assistance and transfer of sound technologies set out in the annex to decision SC-1/15 (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/52), and on a technical assistance programme for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions over the biennium 2016–2017 (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/25-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/17-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/16).

36. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/CHW.12/13-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/13-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/13.

37. The Conference of the Parties also has before it notes by the Secretariat on the Stockholm Convention regional and subregional centres for capacity-building and the transfer of technology (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/11), on a draft evaluation report on the performance and sustainability of the regional centres under the Basel and Stockholm conventions (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/21-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/13), and on a report on the activities of the Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/20-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/14).

38. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/COP.7/11.

(g) Financial resources and mechanisms

39. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on the assessment of funding needs (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/21), on a compilation of submissions received by the Secretariat on ways in which to support the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/31), and on a report prepared by the Secretariat on the availability of financial resources additional to those provided through the Global Environment Facility and ways and means of mobilizing and channelling those resources in support of the objectives of the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/32). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/COP.7/21.

40. The Conference of the Parties also has before it notes by the Secretariat on a report on the effectiveness of the implementation of the memorandum of understanding between the Conference of the Parties and the Council of the Global Environment Facility (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/22), on the executive summary of the report of the Council of the Global Environment Facility to the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention at its seventh meeting (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/23), and on the full report of the Council (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/33). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/COP.7/22.

41. The Conference of the Parties also has before it a note by the Secretariat on the fourth review of the financial mechanism (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/24). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the note and consider the possible action proposed therein.

42. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on the consolidated guidance to the financial mechanism (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/25) and on a complete set of guidance to the financial mechanism (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/29). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/COP.7/25.

43. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on facilitating financial resources for chemicals and wastes (UNEP/CHW.12/20-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/14-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/26), on a checklist on the integrated approach to financing options for chemicals and wastes for use by Secretariat staff (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/33-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/18-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/34), and on terms of reference for the special programme to support institutional strengthening at the national level for implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions, the Minamata Convention and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/34-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/19-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/35).

44. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the information provided in the notes and the possible action proposed in document UNEP/CHW.12/20-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/14-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/26.

(h) Reporting pursuant to Article 15

45. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on reporting pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/27) and on a report prepared by the Secretariat pursuant to paragraph 2 (d) of Article 20 on the information provided in the reports submitted by parties pursuant to Article 15 of the Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/36). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/COP.7/27.

(i) Effectiveness evaluation

46. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on effectiveness evaluation (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/28). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the note and consider the possible action proposed therein.

47. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on the global monitoring plan for effectiveness evaluation (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/29), on the reports of the meetings of the global coordination group and regional organization groups under the global monitoring plan for persistent organic pollutants (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/37), on the second regional monitoring reports under the global monitoring plan for effectiveness evaluation (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/38), and on the guidance on the global monitoring plan (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/39).

48. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the possible action proposed in documents UNEP/POPS/COP.7/28 and 29.

(j) Non-compliance

49. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on procedures and institutional mechanisms for determining non-compliance with the provisions of the Stockholm Convention and for the treatment of parties found to be in non-compliance (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/30) and on a brief on compliance under the Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/12–UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/40). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/COP.7/30.

(k) International cooperation and coordination

50. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat on international cooperation and coordination (UNEP/CHW.12/19-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/15-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/31), on a report on activities pertaining to international cooperation and coordination (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/31-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/20-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/41), on section I of resolution 1/5 of the United Nations Environment Assembly of the United Nations Environment Programme on strengthening the sound management of chemicals and wastes in the long term (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/32-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/21-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/23), and on integrating chemicals and wastes management into the post-2015 United Nations development agenda and the sustainable development goals (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/54-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/39-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/58).

51. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the information provided in the notes and the possible action proposed in document UNEP/CHW.12/19-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/15-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/31.

Item 6

Programme of work and budget

52. The Conference of the Parties has before it notes by the Secretariat entitled "Programmes of work and proposed budgets for the biennium 2016–2017: combined proposal including joint activities" (UNEP/CHW.12/22-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/16-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/32), "Programmes of work and proposed budgets for the biennium 2016–2017: proposed operational budgets for the two funding scenarios" (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/36-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/22-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/42), and "Programmes of work and proposed budgets for the biennium 2016–2017: budget activity fact sheets" (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/38-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/24-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/44). As was the case with the programmes of work and budgets of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for the biennium 2014–2015, the programmes of work and proposed budgets for 2016–2017 have been developed jointly and are presented in a harmonized format in a single document. The budget for the proposed joint activities for the biennium 2016–2017 is an integral part of those documents.

53. The Conference of the Parties also has before it notes by the Secretariat on information on financial matters (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/45), on updated information on financial matters (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/46), on options for incentives and measures related to arrears in core budget contributions (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/41-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/27-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/47), on a report on cost savings resulting from the synergies among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions for the period 2012–2013 (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/42-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/28-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/48), on a report on the audit of the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions by the Office of Internal Oversight Services (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/43-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/29-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/49), and on contributions to the technical cooperation and voluntary special trust funds of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions in the biennium 2014–2015 (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/3-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/4-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/59).

54. The Conference of the Parties also has before it notes by the Secretariat on enhancing cooperation and coordination among the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (UNEP/CHW.12/23-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/17-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/33), on a report on the implementation of joint and convention-specific activities contained in the 2014–2015 programme budgets of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/45-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/31-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/51), on mainstreaming gender in the Secretariat (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/49-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/33-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/54, on information on the organizational structure of the Secretariat as at 8 December 2014 (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/37-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/35-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/55), and on a strategy for mainstreaming science in the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/53-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/38-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/57).

55. The Conference of the Parties also has before it notes by the Secretariat on the clearing-house mechanism for information exchange (UNEP/CHW.12/26-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/20-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/35) and on a draft strategy for further development and operation of the joint clearing-house mechanism for the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/50-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/36-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/56).

56. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the information provided in the notes and the possible action proposed in documents UNEP/CHW.12/22-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/16-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/32, UNEP/CHW.12/23-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/17-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/33 and UNEP/CHW.12/26-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/20-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/35.

Item 7

Venue and date of the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties

57. The Conference of the Parties may wish to consider the venue and date of its eighth meeting, taking into account rules 3 and 4 of the rules of procedure for the Conference of the Parties.

Item 8

Other matters

58. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on the admission of observers (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/34), a note by the Secretariat entitled "Admission of observers: report on experiences with using the application forms and practices followed" (UNEP/CHW.12/INF/46-UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.7/INF/32-UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/53), and a note by the Secretariat on bodies or agencies requesting to participate in meetings of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/INF/43).

59. The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information provided in the notes and consider the possible action proposed in document UNEP/POPS/COP.7/34.

60. The Conference of the Parties has before it a note by the Secretariat on a draft memorandum of understanding between the United Nations Environment Programme and the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (UNEP/POPS/COP.7/9). The Conference of the Parties may wish to take note of the information and consider the possible action proposed therein.

61. The Conference of the Parties may also wish to consider other matters raised during the course of the meeting.

Item 9

Adoption of the report

62. At the last separate session of its meeting, the Conference of the Parties will be invited to consider and adopt the draft report on its work prepared by the Rapporteur.

Item 10

Closure of the meeting

63. It is expected that the meeting will be closed by the President by 6 p.m. on Friday, 15 May 2015.